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The following conferences were held by officers of the V Corps, North Korean Peoples' Army to discuss problems stemming from laxity in discipline and training:

1. [ ] a staff conference of the V Corps, presided over by KIM T'ae-song, Colonel, Commander, Rear Headquarters, was held in the conference room at Rear Headquarters. The conference was called to establish regulations to combat slackness, waste, and financial extravagance. The following proposals were discussed:

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- a. Economy in the use of first-aid supplies.
- b. Correct financial procedures.
- c. Elimination of greed and waste.
- d. Execution and punishment of profiteers and embezzlers of government funds.

2. [ ] a conference to improve camp discipline and political indoctrination was attended by chiefs of departments and sections. A resume of the observations noted at the conference is as follows:

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Political and Combat Training

- a. Rear units are unaware of the correct party line. They should be made to realize that aid goods from fraternal nations are the result of the labor and effort put forth by the laborers and farmers of those nations.
- b. Instructions and orders are not being given the proper attention by the people concerned. For example, the issue concerning the attitudes toward the February speech.

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- c. Meetings and discussions will be held to promote understanding of the functions and operations of rear units.

#### Discipline

- a. Privates and corporals are not to be allowed to lodge in civilian dwellings.
- b. Organizational regulations concerning liaison personnel and clerks need revision.
- c. Daily schedules must be issued.
- d. Effort must be made to reduce the accident and vehicle collision rate.
- e. Systematic procedures must be established in all matters concerned with supply.
- f. Leave without permission is prohibited. Measures must be taken to enforce regulations concerned with AWOL personnel.
- g. Organizations within the V Corps must cooperate and function together smoothly, for example, good relations must be established between units like the Carts and Implements Repair Shop and the Clothing Section.

#### Conservation and Planning

Combined organizations in the Corps, such as the Security Department, the Inspection Organization and the Financial Department are performing duties which overlap. This wasteful condition resulted in a total loss of 3,000,000 won of government funds.

- 3. The Military Affairs Committee for the military district discussed the following items:

#### Training

- a. Offices in charge of training must be consolidated; technical training should keep pace with consolidation. Controls over training must be strengthened. This requires the efforts of all personnel from the division commander to kitchen personnel. Greater uniformity must be established in the registration procedure as different systems are used in the upper and lower echelons.
- b. Athletic facilities, materials for physical training and a combined training area should be furnished for personnel. A field firing range must be furnished.
- c. Positive training for commanding officers and staff officers must be initiated.
- d. Shooting meets and firing practice should be organized. Materials for both shooting and combat training and sighting will be readjusted
- e. Experiences gained in combat should be used to the fullest in the training of personnel.
- f. Training in the rear unit areas has been poor until recently. Transportation is better controlled in rear areas, but training must be more rigidly maintained.
- g. Prepare-for-action training has been neglected. This training must be overhauled and maintained.
- h. Basic training for newly enlisted personnel must be improved.

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- i. The caliber of combat training was a direct result of unsatisfactory teaching procedures used by commanding officers and political personnel in the Army.
- j. Propaganda should be facilitated by citing examples.
- k. Training in sentry duty must be more rigid.
- l. Phases of training are not disseminated among the servicemen.
- m. Rear training areas will be inspected by 20 August. The review of training and/or defects in training has not been properly executed.
- n. Training for emergency call will be held continuously until all personnel become familiar with it.

Efficiency

- a. Operations undertaken by rear units must be fulfilled more promptly and efficiently.
- b. Emergency warning signals must be standardized.
- c. Inspections conducted in a lackadaisical manner must be abolished and preparations must be made for a national inspection which will be held  25X1
- d. All plans and schedules will be re-examined  25X1
- e. Better techniques for pig-breeding must be put into practice.
- f. Revisions in the procedures in stable-keeping were proposed.
- g. Measures were discussed to realize the quickest possible repair of horse carts.
- h. Inspections will be facilitated by all officers concerned.
- i. The organization of liaison personnel and transportation needs strengthening.
- j. Submitting of false reports must be prohibited.
- k. Orders must be given in such a manner that they can be executed expeditiously.
- l. The general staff is indifferent to the activities of rear units.
- m. Participation in battalion-level demonstrations must begin.

Discipline and Morals

Ways and means for imbuing servicemen with a sense of propriety were discussed.

- a. All personnel must be punctual and on time for meals.
- b. The environs of the dining rooms are filthy.
- c. Only that laundry authorized by regulations may be done.
- d. Authorized number of leave days is now seven.
- e. Commanding officers are not assuming the proper responsible attitude in the handling of supplies.
- f. Disagreeable and defiant attitudes toward inspectors and upper echelons must be abolished.

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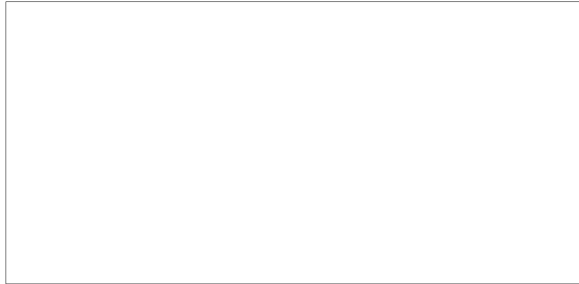


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g. A daily review of all undertakings will be held every evening.

1.  Comment. Possibly the speech promulgating Order No. 6120, by the ~~Commander-in-Chief~~, which was referred to in the document.

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